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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2570
- ☒ General Authorization to charge any and all fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, including petitions for extensions of time, relating to this application. (37 CFR 1.136(a)(3))  
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2. ☒ The total fee is calculated as shown below:
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| Basic Filing fee                        | \$740.00        |
| Total Claims 22 - 20 = 2 x \$18         | \$ 36.00        |
| Independent Claims -3 = 0 x \$84        | \$ 0.00         |
| Multiple Dependent Claim present. \$280 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>                 | <b>\$776.00</b> |

Cancel in this application original claims \_to \_of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

- ☒ Charge **\$776.00** to the above indicated Deposit Account.

- 3a. ☒ Specification excluding Drawings [Total Pages] 13
- 3b. ☒ Abstract on a separate sheet [Total Pages] 0

4. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets] \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages] 3
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17a completed)
- c. ☐ Unsigned Declaration  
[Note Box 6 below]
- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 5b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

17. ☒ Priority Information, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information

- a. The accompanying application is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior application No: 09/424,278 filed 21 March 2000 which is a 371 national stage filing of PCT/EP98/03478 filed 2 June 1998.

- b. ☐ Benefit is claimed under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of the following Provisional Applications:  
Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

- c. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: (37 CFR 1.78)  
This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/424,278 filed 21 March 2000.

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